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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

: Administrative Action

Mohamed Dahhan, M.D.

: ORDER GRANTING

License No.: 25 MA 493700

: UNRESTRICTED LICENSURE

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was first opened to the State Board of Medical Examiners upon receipt of a June 10, 2011 petition from Mohamed Dahhan, M.D. requesting that the Board grant respondent an unrestricted medical license.

Following a conviction for three counts of criminal sexual contact in the fourth degree, Dr. Dahhan's license was suspended for five years (commencing July 25, 2006) by Consent Order filed November 2, 2006. By order filed on October 27, 2008, Dr. Dahhan's active suspension was converted to a stayed suspension and he was permitted to practice medicine with restrictions.

Dr. Dahhan appeared and testified before a committee of the Board on July 27, 2011 in support of his application for unrestricted licensure. During his period of stayed suspension, Dr. Dahhan worked part time with two physicians who served as his chaperone and supervisor. One of these doctors was present with Dr. Dahhn during all interactions with female patients. They discussed patient diagnosis and treatment plan. After each patient interaction they discussed Dr. Dahhan's behavior and suggested different ways to approach and conduct patient interviews and exams based on patient age and gender to ensure that boundaries and professionalism were maintained. Dr. Dahhan also met with each physician weekly or biweekly to further discuss patient care and boundary issues. Both physicians submitted reports to the Board office confirming Dr. Dahhan's testimony.

Two letters from Dr. Pedigo at the Peter's Institute indicate that Dr. Dahhan no longer needs the therapy that was required after his sexual boundary violations, that the likelihood of recidivism is extremely low, that in Dr. Pedigo's judgment he no longer needs any restriction on his license. Dr. Dahhan listed numerous ways in which his counseling with Dr. Pedigo has prepared him for returning to practice with an unrestricted license.

The Board notes that Dr. Dahhan has complied fully with all requirements of his previous Orders, that his standard office

practice is to have a chaperone present whenever he examines female patients, and that he appears to continue to understand not only the egregiousness of his previous boundary violations, but also the pitfalls that he will have to continue to avoid as a medical practitioner.

The Board having determined that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety, and welfare,

5TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011 IT IS ON THIS ORDERED THAT:

Mohamed Dahhan, M.D. is hereby granted an unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Board President